

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic bid method characterized in that  
a buyer registers desired merchandise/service  
information in a database of a service provider via a  
5 network,

the service provider discloses to a seller via the  
network information including the number of potential  
buyers for each merchandise/service on the basis of the  
registered merchandise/service information,

10 the seller determines a sales condition on the  
basis of the disclosed information and notifies the  
service provider of merchandise providing information,  
and

the service provider notifies the potential buyers  
15 of the merchandise providing information notified from  
the seller.

2. An electronic bid method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the service provider comprises a  
service provider connected to the seller and buyer via  
20 the network, and the desired merchandize/service  
information of the buyer is registered using electronic  
mail or a Web page provided by the service provider.

3. An electronic bid method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the sales condition of which the  
service provider is notified from the seller includes  
25 information of a price, merchandize specifications, and  
purchasing method.

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4. An electronic bid method according to claim 1,  
characterized in that when merchandize providing  
information is presented by at least one seller, the  
buyer checks sales conditions of the merchandize  
5 providing information and makes a sales agreement.

5. An electronic bid method according to claim 4,  
characterized in that

once the sales agreement is made, the buyer  
notifies the service provider of cancellation of a will  
10 of a purchase request, and

the service provider deletes database information  
concerning the buyer upon reception of the notification.

6. An electronic bid system for allowing a  
service provider to serve as an agent in a sales  
15 transaction between a buyer and a seller via a network,  
characterized by comprising

purchase merchandise/service information  
processing means comprised of means for storing  
merchandise/service information to be purchased by a  
20 buyer and means for notifying a seller of the number of  
potential buyers for each merchandise/service on the  
basis of the merchandise/service information to be  
purchased and stored in the storing means, and

sales merchandise/service information processing  
25 means comprised of means for notifying the service  
provider of a sales condition determined by the seller  
and means for notifying the buyer of the sales

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condition notified from the seller.

7. An electronic bid system according to claim 6, characterized in that the desired merchandize/service information of the buyer is registered using electronic mail or a Web page provided by the service provider.

8. An electronic bid system according to claim 6, characterized in that the sales condition of which the service provider is notified from the seller includes information of a price, merchandize specifications, and purchasing method.

9. An electronic bid system according to claim 8, characterized in that

once the sales agreement is made, the buyer notifies the service provider of cancellation of a will of a purchase request, and

the service provider deletes database information concerning the buyer upon reception of the notification.